

Application No. 10/620,907
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

2. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber end face cleaner as
~~claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one elastic base~~
~~comprises a plurality of elastic bases, and said at least one~~
~~adhesive layer comprises a plurality of adhesive layers, and~~
5 ~~wherein said plurality of elastic bases and said plurality of~~
~~adhesive layers form for cleaning an end face of an optical fiber~~
~~by removing deposits on the end face of the optical fiber, said~~
optical fiber end face cleaner comprising:

a plurality of laminated optical fiber end face cleaner
10 units, each laminated optical fiber end face cleaner unit
comprising:

one elastic base comprising an elastic member which has
one flat surface of a predetermined size and which has a
predetermined thickness in a direction perpendicular to the one
15 flat surface; and

one adhesive layer formed on a predetermined area of a
surface of said one elastic base, and for allowing the end face
of the optical fiber to be pressed against a surface of said
adhesive layer;

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20 wherein the plurality of laminated optical fiber end face
cleaner units are sequentially laminated such that ~~said the~~
adhesive layer of one optical fiber end face cleaner unit is
adhered to a back surface of ~~said the~~ elastic base of ~~another an~~
adjacent optical fiber end face cleaner ~~adjacent to said one~~
25 ~~optical fiber end face cleaner~~ unit, ~~for allowing such that~~ said
laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units ~~to be~~ are able to
be sequentially peeled off one by one from a foremost unit side.

3. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber end face cleaner as
claimed in claim 2, wherein said adhesive layers of said
laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units ~~are configured to~~
have respective areas which progressively ~~decreased~~ decrease in
5 size in a forward direction of lamination of said laminated
optical fiber end face cleaner units.

4. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber end face cleaner as
claimed in claim 2, further comprising a holder casing for
holding and accommodating said laminated optical fiber end face
cleaner units, said holder casing having a cleaning window formed
5 therein for allowing the end face of the optical fiber to be
pressed against said adhesive layer of a foremost one of said
laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units ~~for cleaning~~
thereof to clean said end face.

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5 5. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber end face cleaner as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a holder casing for holding and accommodating said laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units, said holder casing having a cleaning window formed therein for allowing the end face of the optical fiber to be pressed against said adhesive layer of a foremost one of said laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units ~~for cleaning thereof to clean said end face.~~

5 6. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber end face cleaner as claimed in claim 4, wherein said holder casing ~~includes~~ comprises a spring for urging forward a rearmost one of said laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units held and accommodated therein, ~~forward~~ from a back side of said elastic base of said rearmost ~~one~~ optical fiber end face cleaner unit.

5 7. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber end face cleaner as claimed in claim 5, wherein said holder casing ~~includes~~ comprises a spring for urging forward a rearmost one of said laminated optical fiber end face cleaner units held and accommodated therein, ~~forward~~ from a back side of said elastic base of said rearmost ~~one~~ optical fiber end face cleaner unit.

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